

St Louis May 1st 1890
Dear Dr. Watson.

You have been
so very kind in answering my
former questions that I have ventured
to ask a few more.

In working over the nomenclature
of my *Ames Catalogue* I have looked
up each species as far as my facilities
will allow (Excl. oversight, &c). I did not
adopt the earliest ^{published} name which it
plant has received under it accepted
genus, commencing with *Linnaeus*.

I have accepted it & proposed to give
in your Index & in my Syn. &c.

In many cases the changes have
been apparently justifications but
I should much prefer to have your
opinion. There may be some question
of identity involved, or other questions.
But above all I do not want your
sacrifice for this. If you see
it answers involves much labor
please omit it.

Yours Very truly

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